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Our Case No. 11934-3

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Toshihiko Oba )  
Serial No. 09/673,360 ) Examiner: Pierre, Myriam  
Filing Date: October 16, 2000 ) Group Art Unit No. 2654  
For: SPEECH TRANSFORMATION )  
METHOD AND APPARATUS )

## RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 12, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.